

# TB Standards – The Texas Commission on Jail Standard's Role and Relationship with DSHS

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# **Philosophy**

**We will work cooperatively, patiently, and fairly with public officials and private citizens; we will be sensitive to community needs and ideals while carrying out our regulatory responsibilities. We recognize a shared commitment to utilize criminal justice resources toward common goals.**

# **Mission**

**To ensure safe, secure, and suitable jail facilities for correctional personnel, inmates and the community through proper rules and procedures. In addition, to provide leadership in resolving inmate population issues efficiently and economically.**



# Texas Commission on Jail Standards

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Commissioner Stanley D. Egger (Vice-Chair)  
County Commissioner, Taylor County, Abilene, Texas  
12-2004 to 01-31-2017



Dr. Michael M. Seale, M.D.  
Medical Director, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston, Texas  
09-2002 to 01-31-2017



Allan D. Cain  
Carthage, Texas  
03-2011 to 01-31-2017



Irene A. Armendariz  
Austin, Texas  
09-2007 to 01-31-2015



Sheriff Dennis D. Wilson  
Sheriff, Limestone County, Groesbeck, Texas  
5-2013 to 01-31-2015



Sheriff Gary Painter  
Sheriff, Midland County, Midland, Texas  
02-2009 to 01-31-2015



Jerry W. Lowry  
New Caney, Texas  
04-2008 to 01-31-2019



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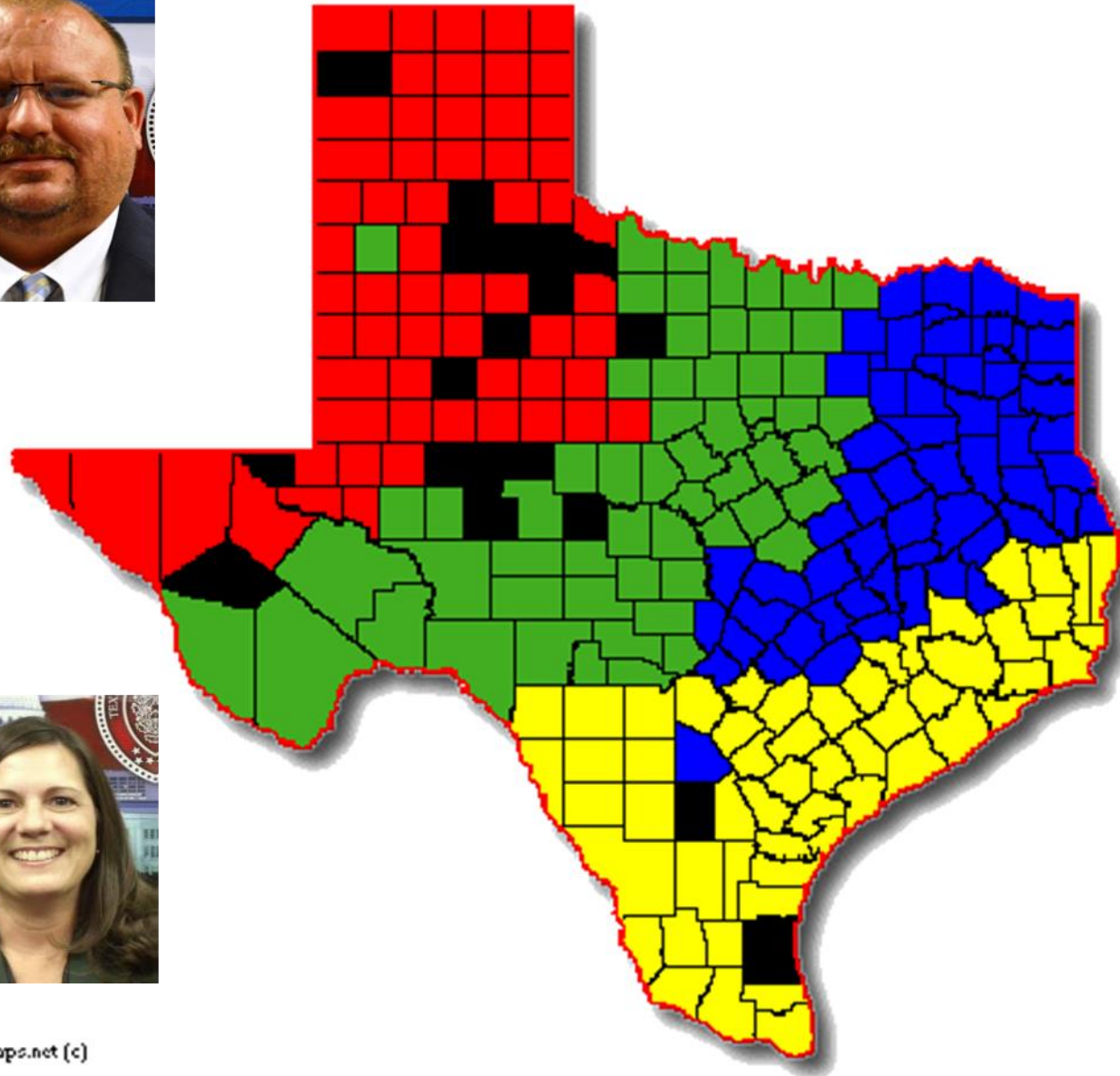
The Commission on Jail Standards performs all of its functions\* within an operating budget of \$ 892,998 per year. (Previous biennium, \$957,338 per year.)

\*Excluding the collection of Juvenile Justice Reports and appropriated receipts

# Who is TCJS?

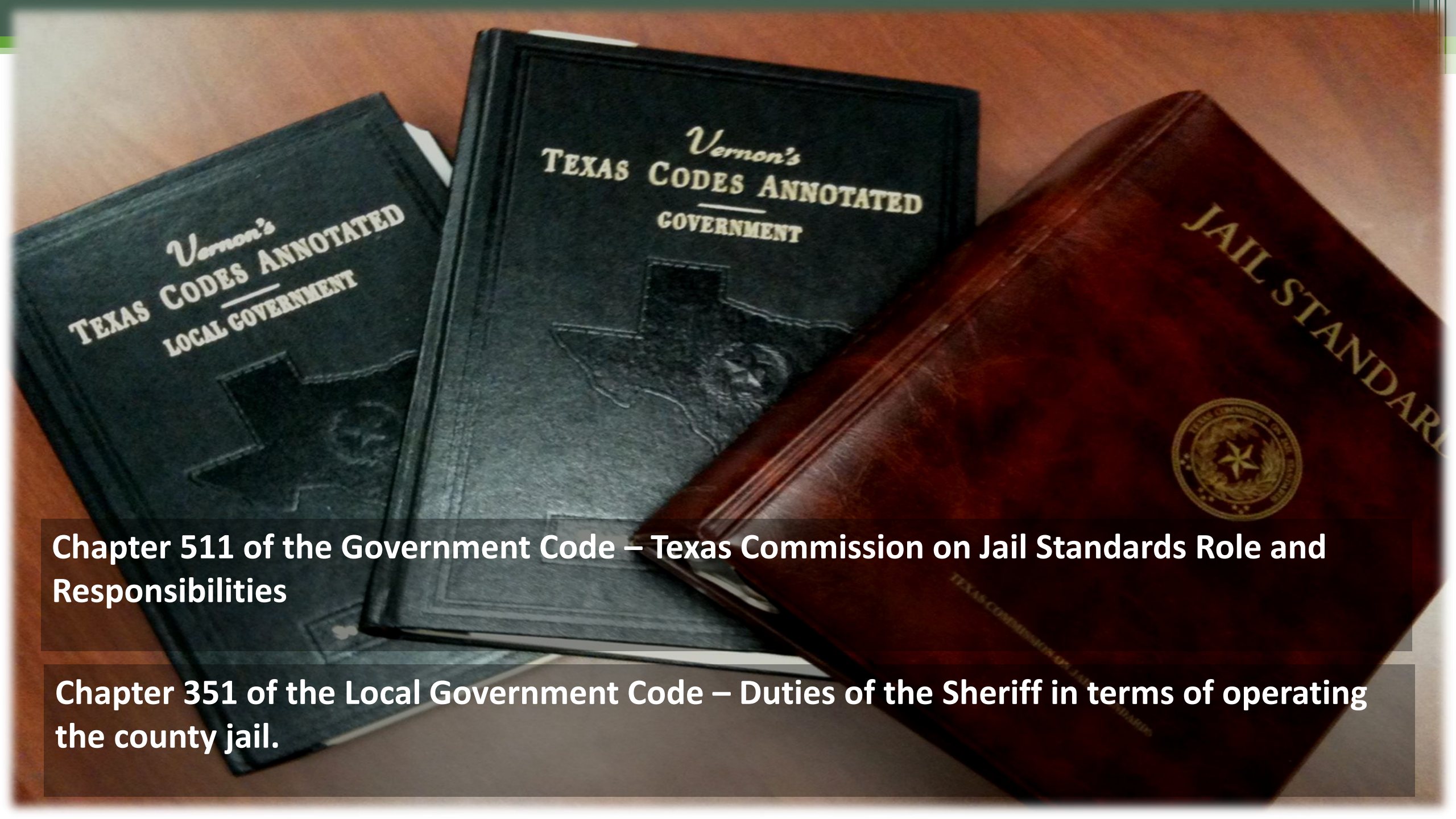
- We are one of the smallest state agencies with only 17 employees.
- There are four (4) field inspectors for the entire state. Each inspector is responsible for 60 to 62 jails.
- There are currently 242 facilities under our purview at this time.
- Four program specialists in the office handle thousands of complaint investigations every year, process hundreds of monthly reports, review operational plans, review all deaths in custody, review all escapes from custody and numerous other duties.
- A handful of other office personnel keep the agency running by handling budgetary/HR issues, conduct research reviews and all other duties.





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**Chapter 511 of the Government Code – Texas Commission on Jail Standards Role and Responsibilities**

**Chapter 351 of the Local Government Code – Duties of the Sheriff in terms of operating the county jail.**

# What does TCJS do?

- The Commission was created by the HB 272 of the 64<sup>th</sup> Legislature in 1975.
- **It is the duty of the commission to promulgate reasonable written rules and procedures establishing minimum standards, inspection procedures, enforcement policies and technical assistance for:**
  - (1) the construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of jail facilities under its jurisdiction;
  - (2) the custody, care and treatment of inmates;
  - (3) programs of rehabilitation, education, and recreation for inmates confined in county and municipal jail facilities under its jurisdiction.

# TB Standards for facilities under TCJS purview

- Facility has 100 beds or more. (Not the # of inmates in the jail but beds!!)
- House inmates for another facility with 100 beds or more.
- House inmates from another state.
- The 7 day rule.
- Testing for employees, volunteers and inmates.

# Exemptions From Testing

- Conflicts with tenets of an organized religion
- Test contraindicated by physicians exam.
- “12 month rule”

# Enforcement

- Failure to follow approved TB plan.
- Failure to obtain annual approval letter from DSHS.
- Enhanced information sharing between DSHS and TCJS
- Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance to a facility and the possible effects.



TEST TIME!!!!



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